

Hotel Borinquen
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"Puerto Rico"

Hells,

Yours was received a day or so ago and was very glad as always to hear from you, it found me well as could be expected, hope these few lines will find you both the same. Ya I saw the write-up in the paper, it was very nice of them to give us so much space (smile). Also the writing concerning the meeting, to me it sounds like an awful good idea, except it means a lot of riding for the ballplayers also means us players won't be home as much which I prefer ~~that~~, maybe I can save a little something, anyway I hope it can work out. By the way I also saw where the Government was letting players go out of the country, does that mean the player comes back into the league? I think if they would, it would most certainly make colored baseball pay this year also strengthened each team, especially yours. I really would like to see all the players back, because not only would it help base ball itself, but also the younger players, because they could teach them so much, don't you think so? A few of the fellows here feel pretty bad over hearing they can't leave the States some already had jobs in Mexico, they are trying to find out for certain whether they can go or not, if they can't, there are several pitchers here whom you should try and get because they are really worth having, they are Chet Brewer, Imbo Burnskill and Bill Harvey, so far as

I know they don't belong to any league club thing, all
are right handers. Still Baseball is in the final stages
of the 1st half, with our club still in 1st place by 3 games,
and only two more games to play (tomorrow) if we can win
we win the 1st half, if we lose two we are tied and will
have to play Guayama, Satchell's team, that is if they
win both of these, which is almost certain. If we win the
1st half we will be here for two more weeks and I guess
we won't get back there before the 1st of April or later,
I want to win but I also want to get home, and the
sooner the better. I am sending you the batting
averages, the pitching averages didn't come out this
week, but I know our pitcher Billy Byrd is leading
in wins + losses 11-2, Brewer next with 8-2. As you
see Monty's hitting has fell ~~out~~ a bit, he is ⁱⁿ hard and far
but is having a streak of bad luck combined with being
homesick (smiles) he is still playing great centerfield. ~~Clarkson~~
Clarkson still hitting for extra bases, he hurt his leg,
(nothing serious) and is out of action for a week or so, he
leads in homeruns still. You asked about Manning,
I thought I told you, he has been gone from here for
about a month, not because he wasn't pitching good ball
because he was, their excuse was they wanted a hitting pit
cher, the pitcher they got now is a Cuban, he has only won
1 game in 4 starts, all were close scores tho, and he doesn't
hit any better than Manning, they are getting another one
for the 2nd half, players certainly come and go here.
My number in the draft was called and I have received
my questionnaire, the last report I got was, I was to report
for my examination in July, so I guess I will go to camp
after the examination. Monty hasn't received any thing
yet, neither has Clarkson, so I guess you don't have to
worry about them not being with the team. Still here
is Monday and the 1st half is over and I am proud
to announce that we won the 1st half. We won both